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Common Carrier Bureau
Washington, D.C. 20554

September 22, 1999

Mr. R.J. Elbert
729 North Plum Street
Lancaster, PA 17602

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Dear Mr. Elbert:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the cost of long-distance service. The Commission will consider your comments in its proceeding regarding the pricing of low-volume long-distance service.

In that proceeding, the Commission is assessing the impact of certain charges—such as monthly, minimum long-distance fees; universal service charges; and the presubscribed interexchange carrier charge (PICC)—on customers who make few, or no, interstate long-distance calls. The Commission is doing so as part of its efforts to ensure that all Americans benefit from a robust and competitive communications marketplace. We hope that this inquiry will help us better understand and manage the effect of these charges on consumers.

We will add your correspondence to the official record of this proceeding. It will take approximately two weeks for your correspondence to be added to the Commission's electronic database, but a hard copy will be available in the Commission's public reference room within a week. If you have Internet access, you can view the entire record on our web site at one of the following addresses:

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Thank you again for your submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lynne Milne".

Lynne Milne

729 N. Plum Street
Lancaster, PA 17602
July 12, 1999

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Yes
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Yog Varma
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC

Dear Yog Varma:

Thank you for investigating the \$3/month long distance charge. This charge is absolutely unfair to those who make little or no long distance calls.

My phone service is with Bell Atlantic. On July, 1998 Bell Atlantic started the following additional billings:

\$.85 Carrier Line Charge
.93 Universal Connectivity Charge
.16 Total Surcharge and Taxes

Now, they are going to charge an additional \$3/month.

If a person makes long distance calls, that person should pay the charges, not me. I make about three such calls a year.

As for the Connectivity charge, I thought our local city, county, and school taxes took care of this.

The above items are unfair, especially to those low-income and retired people.

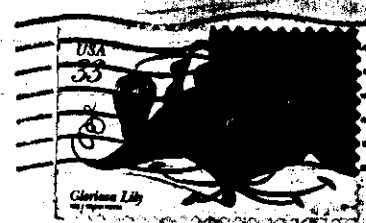
This certainly sounds like grounds for a class action suit.

Please help us.

Very truly yours,

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